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PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
David H. MACK) Group Art Unit: 1655
Serial No. To be assigned) Examiner: To be assigned
(Divisional of 09/086,285)) Attorney Docket No. 03848.00065
Filed: Concurrently herewith)
For: EXPRESSION MONITORING FOR GENE FUNCTION IDENTIFICATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in conjunction with the divisional application filed herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, lines 1-8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/086,285, filed May 29, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT application US98/0126 filed January 12, 1998, which claims priority to provisional application 60/035,327 filed January 13, 1997 (expired).

Page 7, lines 1-2, please delete in its entirety.